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SALLY FORTH



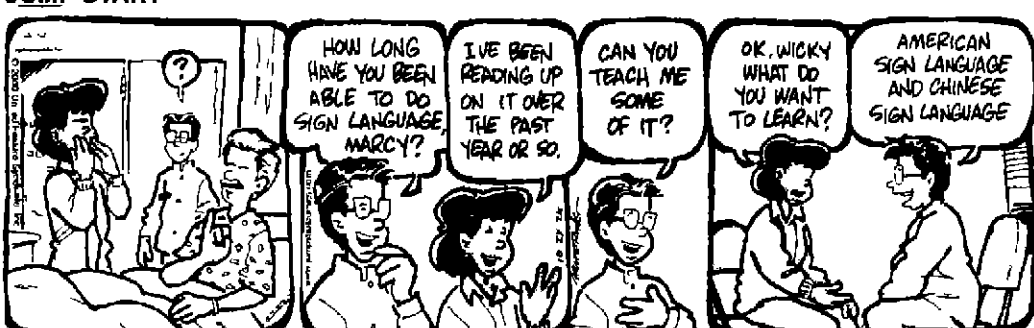
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



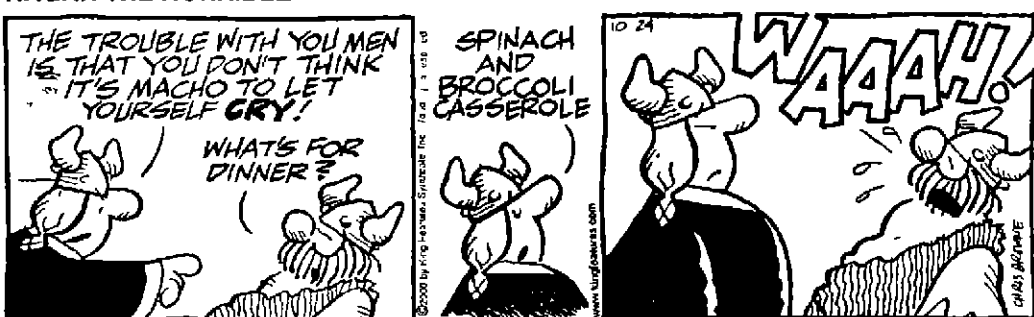
JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



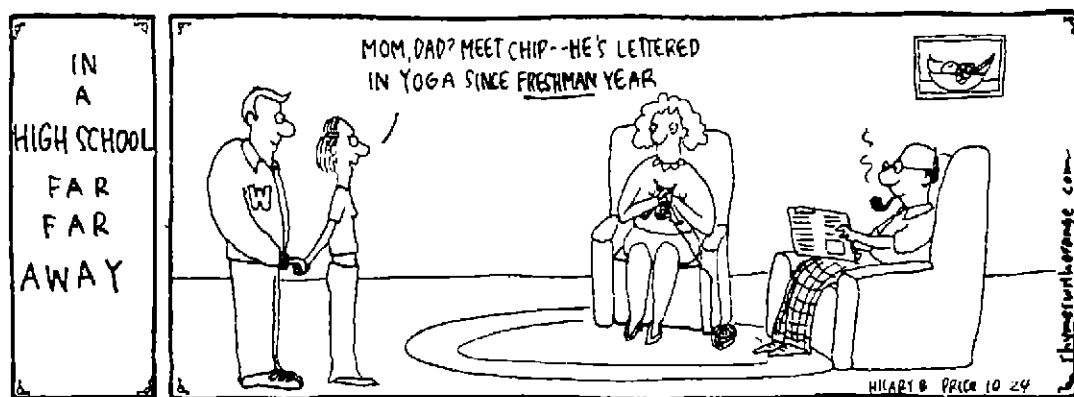
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Football Hall of Famer **Y. A. Tittle** is 64. Hockey musician **Bill Wyman** is 64. Actor-producer **David Nelson** is 64. Actor **F. Murray Abraham** is 61. Actor **Kevin Kline** is 53. NAACP President **Kweisi Mfume** is 52. Actor **B. D. Wong** is 38. Rock musician **Ben Gille** (Silverchair) is 21. Singer **Monica** is 20.

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PAR SCORE 110-120 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points as each word using the point values at right. 7 letter words get 50 points bonus. If you use all 7 letters you have no more value. All words must be in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (or an Webster's 11th Edition Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10/22/00 2000 United Features, Syracuse, NY.

RACK 1: E, G, A, L, M, S, A

RACK 2: G, N, N, V, T, O, E

RACK 3: H, R, S, R, H, T, E

RACK 4: A, I, S, P, L, M, N

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

CONS

Z B Y W T R O L J G E B Y W U
N O C I X E L R P N K I G D B
Z X V S N O C R I Z Q O M K I
G E C O N C E N T R A T E T T
C R A Y W O T R E U S C T N C
Q U P N L N C C U D J I E A A
H B F E E Q C I A O I L R T R
A I Y T X U V U L T T F C S T
S C N Q P E N M K I N N N N N
C O N C E R T J H F S O O O O
C N E C B T S E T N O C C C C

Monday's unlisted clue: PROFILE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A DICTIONARY

Concentrate	Conflict	Content	Rubicon
Concert	Conquer	Contest	Silicon
Concrete	Constant	Contour	Zircon
Confidence	Contact	Contract	

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A fresh opportunity suddenly presents itself, and you should be sure to grab it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take some time out to do something special for you and you alone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have no problem juggling many social commitments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make the most of a sudden burst of energy.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't let a smooth-talking stranger sweep you off your feet with his charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Take the opportunity to spend quality time with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Self-indulgent behavior becomes extremely satisfying to your soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) When it comes to your career, remember that team players are valued far more than prima donnas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Everyone thinks you have the inside scoop, but in reality you're as much in the dark as anyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Be careful that you don't vent your frustrations over a business situation on a loved one unfairly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Remember that bargains don't always make the best investments, and take your time mulling over that purchase.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) An old emotional issue will unexpectedly come to the forefront of your mind.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

after South ducked West led another heart to East's king. South ducked again, and a third heart cleared the suit. Happy to find hearts 4-3, South cashed his diamond ace and offered his queen to the defense. West refused this Greek gift, so South led a club to dummy's king to run the spade jack. Unfortunately it lost to West's king, and the defenders took three hearts, a spade and a diamond for one down. Note West's wise refusal of the diamond queen. Had he won willy-nilly, South would have cashed four diamonds, three clubs and two major-suit aces to make his game. How should South time the play to cinch the game? After he wins the third heart, he should lead his diamond queen instead of cashing his ace. When West ducks (correct), South abandons diamonds and crosses to dummy's club king to try the spade finesse. It loses as before, but South has nine guaranteed winners. West can cash his high heart, but he gets no diamond trick, limiting South's losses to only four tricks.

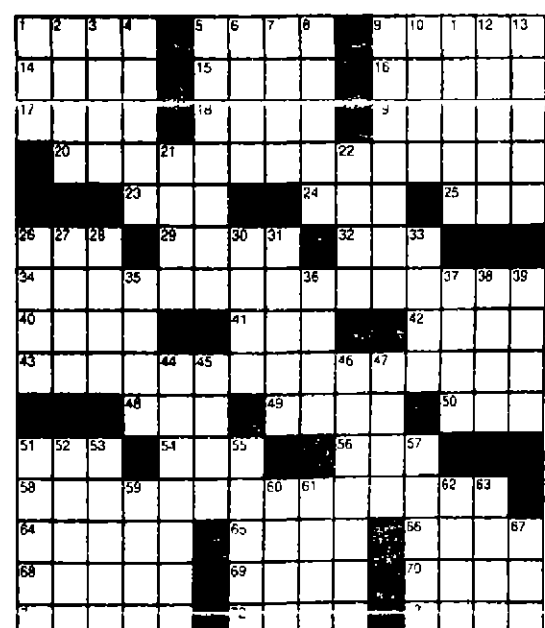
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0912

- ACROSS**
- Door frame upright
 - Masses of moss
 - Mosque officials
 - Kind of arguments
 - "Typee" sequel
 - KwaZulu province, South Africa
 - Airport/hotel connection
 - Take to (reprimand)
 - Sales clerk's minimum
 - Faces up to expected hardship
 - Tappan Bridge
 - Le Soleil (Louis XIV)
 - Soapmaking need
 - Snake with a nasty bite
 - Reindeer herder
 - Promoters
 - Emotes
 - Muscle quality
 - Prefix with center
 - 1997 Peter Fonda title role
 - Falls for a scam
 - Kipling novel
 - Shirt brand
 - Start of the 16th century
 - Ex of Frank and Arlie
 - Singer Zadora
 - Moon vehicle
 - Takes in recent events
 - Sicily's "kicker"
 - Act on, as advice
 - Gung-ho quality
 - Constellation with a belt
 - Linen color
 - "Beetle Bailey" boob
 - Part of SST
 - Carpentry class
 - Thumbs-up
- DOWN**
- Scribble
 - Riyadh resident
 - Shin-clothing skirt
 - Football charge
 - Chair facing Regis Philbin, with "the"
 - Latin 101 verb
 - Kid
 - Ace topper
 - Ask
 - Stake driving hammer
 - Bikini, for one
 - Brit's buddy
 - Candidate list
 - Snake-like swimmers
 - Pear variety
 - "Hamlet" has five
 - Come in third
 - Elizabeth of "La Bamba"
 - "That was close!"
 - RC competitor
 - Social rebuff
 - Champagne music maestro
 - Therapeutic kind of bath

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MIDAS LADS LAMB
ARENA OPEC AVER
LANDLUBBER BITE
TNT ORE RUINOVER
LOG DEFER
ENGINEER FILMED
ROOM WASH LEAVE
ARTE TREES ARIA
SMILE SURE DIAL
EATING SERGEANT
GIRLS MAR
RUSHDIE POL OFF
ETAT LATIN LOVER
SAGE LRON OPERA
THAR SNAG NANNY



Puzzle by Bill Zula

- 37 Western film actor Jack
- 38 Nevada Sen. Harry
- 39 Himalayan legend
- 44 Not really sing
- 45 Leave out
- 46 Hid from pursuers
- 47 First place?
- 51 "So long"
- 52 in _____ fertilization
- 53 Once more
- 55 Contents of some urns
- 57 Certain soprano
- 59 "The Time Machine" people
- 60 Kind of support
- 61 Decorated cop say
- 62 Half a fortnight
- 63 "Smile" (Hall & Oates hit)
- 64 "Mad Adam's Myrna

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